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G.M. Martin et al

Serial No.: 10/087,030

Filed: March 1, 2002

For: CONTACT GUIDE RETENTION
APPARATUS

Group No. 2833

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 4, 2002, the present response to which is being submitted within the initial three-month period for response, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 6, 14 and 20 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

1. (Amended) An electrical connector of a type which is connectable to a substrate, comprising:

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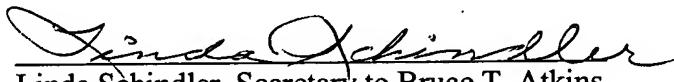
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- Amendment After Final (7 pgs.), including Appendix (3 pgs.)
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is
 - a small entity. A verified statement:
 - is attached.
 - was already filed.
 - other than a small entity.

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EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

(a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136
(Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

Extension (months)	Fee for other than <u>small entity</u>	Fee for <u>small entity</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$ 870.00	\$ 475.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$ 1,510.00	\$ 755.00

Fee: \$

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)

An extension of _____ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor of \$ _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ _____.

OR

(b) Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT. FEE	OR	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL	MINUS *20	=	x \$11 = \$			x \$22 = \$-0-	
INDEP.	MINUS **3	=	x \$41 = \$			x \$82 = \$-0-	
____ FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+ \$135 = \$		+ \$270 = \$-0-
					TOTAL ADDIT. FEE \$	OR	TOTAL ADDIT. FEE \$-0-

(c) No additional fee for Claims is required.

OR

(d) Total additional fee for claims required \$

FEE PAYMENT

5. Attached is a check in the sum of \$_____

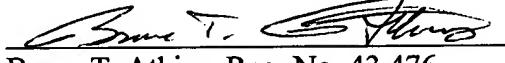
Charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384 the sum of \$
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FEE DEFICIENCY

6. If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

AND/OR

If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.


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